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Company Announces Agreement To Sell Ferroxcube Operation

An agreement for sale of the business of the Ferroxcube Corporation of America to the Indiana Steel Products Company of Valparaiso, Indiana, has been consummated, according to recent announcement.

Terms of the purchase agreement call for the acquisition of the Ferroxcube plant and business at Saugerties, N.Y., on April 20.

The Ferroxcube concern was founded in 1950 under joint ownership of the Sprague Electric Company and the North American Philips Company, Inc. of New York City. Both firms have continued their ownership until the present.

Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board of the Company, stated in announcing the purchase agreement that "Sprague expects to continue and enlarge its interest in components and sub-assemblies which use various basic magnetic materials, including ferrites and magnadur, such as pulse transformers, magnetic shift registers, delay lines, filters and other similar assemblies."

The Indiana Steel Products Company is a leading manufacturer of permanent magnetic materials.

Attention Golfers !

Sprague Electric's 1955 intra-Company golf league has issued the call to all aspiring par-busters. If you are interested in joining the league this season as a regular or alternate player, fill out the blank on page 2 and send it promptly to John Hartigan, Marshall Street plant.

Company Names Officers and Directors

Officers and Directors of the Sprague Electric Company were reelected at the firm's annual meeting, held March 22 at the Marshall Street plant in North Adams.

Among those reelected were:

Robert C. Sprague, as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer; Julian K. Sprague, President; Ernest L. Ward, Executive Vice President; William J. Nolan, Vice President and Secretary; Dr. Wilbur A. Lazier, Vice President and Technical Director; and Neal W. Welch, Vice President in charge of Sales.

Also named were Miss Mary E. Avery and Gordon W. Phelps, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Clerks; and Hollis R. Wagstaff and Paul J. Chittenden, Assistant Treasurers.

Reelected as Directors were Messrs. Robert C. Sprague, Julian K. Sprague, Ernest L. Ward, William J. Nolan, Frank A. Bond, Gordon W. Phelps, Arthur G. Connolly, Harry C. Robbins, Dr. Preston Robinson and Robert C. Sprague, Jr.

9th Annual LOG Fishing Contest Open

The LOG's 9th Annual Fishing Contest, offering $100 in gift certificates to the Company's top anglers, is officially under way.

Saturday, April 16, opening day for the Massachusetts trout season, marks the grand opener for the LOG contest. From now until October 15, entries will be accepted for judging in the various specie classes.

The trout category once again is divided into three classes, with a $10 gift certificate prize to be given for the biggest fish among brown, rainbow and native brook trout entries, respectively.

Until the general pond and lake season gets started on July 1, activity will center on the trout contest.

With the July 1 date, however, competition will open in categories for small mouth bass and large mouth bass. Pickerel, walleyed pike, northern pike and perch are also eligible. A $10 certificate will go to the winner in each of these classes.

Additionally, the LOG again will offer a "blind" prize of a $10 certificate. The blind prize will go to the fish (regardless of specie) which most closely approximates the specifications of a figure to be drawn blind by the judges.

Entries, to be eligible, must conform to state fishing regulations as to length and season. Fish caught in any of the New England states, New York State or the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick in Canada are eligible.

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Celebrate Apprenticeship Graduation

Richard Patterson is shown here receiving his Machinist A certificate from Mr. William J. Nolan, Vice-President and Secretary of the Company, at a dinner given in Mr. Patterson's honor at the Four Acres Restaurant on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Patterson has recently completed the arduous four year machinist apprenticeship course, given by Sprague Electric, which qualifies him as a full-fledged Machinist. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Donald Ross of the Machine Shop. (See page 3 for more pictures of the dinner.)

New Suggestion Rules Offer More Cash - More Opportunity

Five Employes Win $235 Suggestion Cash

Five more top-thinking Sprague Electric employes have rang the Suggestion System bell to the tune of $235 in award cash.

Leading the list of recent winners is William Myslicki, an employe at the Company's California operation, who was voted a $100 award for his ingenious application of a universal drill jig for specialized use on filter cans.

Mr. Myslicki is the first California employe to cash in on the Suggestion System. In North Adams, awards also have been presented to: Peter Grande, Check Inspection, Brown Street plant, who received $25; Lena Kerr, Pulse Transformers, Beaver Street plant, who received $25; John E. Murphy, Network and Filter Development, Marshall Street plant, $15; Edward Roi, Industrial Oils Final Assembly, $45; and Albert Barbuto, Machine Shop, Beaver Street plant, $25.

Now—more than ever before—Sprague Electric's Suggestion System offers you an outstanding chance to turn your good ideas into solid cash! Recent changes in the System now open up larger opportunities for participation and make it more worthwhile than ever to win those welcome dollars.

In brief, here are the revisions to the rules of the System:

1. The minimum award has been raised to $25—reflecting an increase of $15 over the old minimum amount. This upward revision means that any award accepted by the Suggestion System will receive a check for at least $25. Awards for suggestions which save large amounts of money, effort or time will also be larger under the new regulations.

2. Supervisors have been declared eligible to submit awards of all types. This reflects a change from prior regulations which declared suggestions from Supervisors eligible only if they affected methods or processes apart from the Supervisor's job duties.

3. Suggestions pertaining to processes which are in the early stage of development may also now be given consideration. Until recently, suggestions of this nature were not eligible under the Suggestions System.

With these three changes, employes who "think 'em up and jot 'em down" will find wider horizons and bigger rewards for their good ideas.

Good suggestions put cash in your pocket—and also keep your Company ahead of its competition. Sprague Electric wants your ideas!

Your Foreman has a supply of Suggestion System blanks and will be happy to give you all the details of the System. Get on the top-thinkers' band wagon with your good ideas for improvements in methods, materials, ways of cutting down waste of effort or time!

Announce Plans For Company Softball League

All male employes interested in participating in a Company-wide Softball League are requested to contact Ray Chalifoux at the Can Shop, Beaver Street plant.

Mr. Chailfoux has announced that three teams, representing the Can Shop, Machine Shop and KVA, have already been entered in the league, and it is hoped that three more can be organized shortly.

An organization meeting of the league is tentatively scheduled for next week and it is Mr. Chalifoux's hope that all persons interested in playing or forming a team will get in touch with him as soon as possible.

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EDITORIAL

More and more parents, with good reason are guiding their youngsters toward successful careers in the engineering profession. Largely because of sound parental advice and educational guidance as early as the grade school years, young engineering graduates will have a headstart on other young people in professions that are among the most important and critical in America today.

These young men and women have limitless opportunities. No field of endeavor holds more opportunity for advancement.

They will be doing interesting work. Today's engineers are working in all phases of the economy. They constantly work to improve modern business and modern living. Engineering graduates will join other engineers working on rocket design and electronics, business management, highway construction, food processing and production. Many will become the salesmen of today's intricate machines to manufacturer and consumer alike.

They will be doing useful work. Engineers are serving mankind in every field. The food, clothing, shelter, transportation, communications, heat and light used in this country are only some of the things which engineers help to produce. The graduates who go out into industry and business will be working for progress, for peace and for the defense of the American way of life.

Engineering is open to those who start preparing for it long before entering college. Certain high school subjects are required to qualify for engineering training. These subjects—including mathematics and the sciences—are not only essential to the prospective engineers but, moreover, they are useful in all professions.

For youngsters who wish to be engineers there are aptitude tests to determine ability. For many, there are scholarships provided by industry at leading engineering colleges throughout the country. Your Company plays an active role in the granting of scholarships to worthy and promising high school graduates.

Meet Your Supervisor . . .

by Mae O'Neil

MEET BERNIE STACKPOOLE!

He is that friendly, easy-to-talk-with, and competent gentleman who is Supervisor of the Networks Department and L.C.C. Lines at Brown Street.

A native of Williamstown, he attended schools there, furthering his education at the Drury Machinist Trade School and the Pittsfield General Electric Welding School. While still a schoolboy, Bernie started working at the Williams Inn and after four years became Head Waiter. He remained with the Inn until 1943, at which time he came to Sprague Electric as Supervisor of the Gas Mask Line. In 1944 he worked in the Silver Mica Department and a short while later came to the Networks Department.

Since Bernie has been with Sprague Electric, he has won two Suggestion Awards, one in April of 1953 and the second in October of 1954.

As for activities outside of work, we find that he spends much time with his family. He is married to the former Ruth Stevenson. They have three children: Pat, who is married; Mary, who is a Williamstown High School student; and, Allen, who has recently joined the USAF. Bernie is a great sportsman—at one time he played basketball and baseball, and still is an avid fisherman. He enjoys travelling, and, when it comes to hobbies, we find that he has a very fine collection of old coins and medals. He has exhibited them in the window of the North Adams Savings Bank and has taken prizes for them in the Sprague Hobby Show.

If you'd like to know an all-around gentleman, drop in at Brown Street and meet your Supervisor, Bernie Stackpoole.

LOG Fishing Contest

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Judges for the contest this year are once again the proprietors of the three North Adams sporting goods stores. Entrants may take their catch to any of these three (Bill's Sporting Goods, Marshall Street; Center Sporting Goods, Main Street; or Walden's Sporting Goods, Main Street) for weighing and measuring.

The judges will fill out each entry blank and forward it to the LOG desk.

The length of the fish shall govern the competition in each class. In case of a tie in length, weight shall be the deciding factor.

Know Your Reporter . . .

Have you ever met anyone you thought truly remarkable? We introduce this month, someone whom we feel is such. She is Christine Andrews, widow and mother of five children and a foster son. A resident of Brooklyn, New York for twenty-two years, she returned to North Adams in 1950. For three years she was employed in the Bathtub Assembly at Beaver Street and has for the past two years had a very specialized job in the Pilot Plant at Marshall Street, and has for nine months been a LOG reporter for the Research and Engineering Department.

Her duties are many. Her most important one—taking care of her family. She has a son 23, who is a graduate of North Adams State Teachers College and is now in the service; a daughter 21, who will graduate from State Teachers College in June; a son who is 12, a daughter who is 10; a little boy who is two years of age; and, a foster son 22, that came from Brooklyn, New York to live with her family. He too is a graduate of the local State Teachers College.

Interested in higher education, Chris, a native of Adams, is a graduate of North Adams State Teachers College and New York University. She is now doing graduate work at the Teachers College and is President of the Alumni Association which is aiming at opening the college for science and nursing that graduates may receive Bachelor of Science degrees.

Art Mathews' Safety Salute

This month we pause to glance at the fine SAFETY record of Departments No. 595 (Miscellaneous Dry Centrifuge and Sub Assembly) and No. 596 (Miscellaneous Dry Test, Finish and Shipping), both of which are in the Western Electric operation at the Marshall Street plant. Capacitors which are used in Communications apparatus throughout the world are made in these Departments. Products in the Western Electric line have many government applications and also are widely used commercially. They are found for instance, in your own telephone.

The men and women of Western Electric, though confronted by many potential hazards, still hold a fine SAFETY record. According to Foreman William Mendell, here's how they do it.

Each employe knows his job and the hazards which are prevalent. Thus they work with CAUTION, and use the protective devices which are provided for them such as safety glasses, gloves, rubbers, aprons and masks.

Potential hazards include the use of riveting and swedging machines, and pouring equipment. Employes work constantly with high voltages which are very dangerous. Other jobs in the Department entail much heavy lifting for trucking and shipping purposes.

It is always SAFETY FIRST! We salute the men and women of these Departments.

Christine Andrews

Chris has been a Girl Scout Leader for the past 15 years. For ten years she was a leader in Brooklyn, where she also taught nursery school, and upon her return to North Adams, continued her work with the Girl Scouts. A member of the Parent Teachers group she participates in their activities and also finds time to serve her church, where she is a member of the choir.

She devotes her entire time to her family and her community. She is kind and generous and lives by this motto—"There is always room for one more".

GOLF LEAGUE APPLICATION

All men interested in playing in this year's Sprague Men's Golf League should fill in the entry blank below. *Please do this promptly*, and mail it to the Secretary of the League, Jack Hartigan, Building 1, Marshall Street plant. All persons interested should mail it in, even though they participated last year.

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME.....

DEPT. NAME & NO.....

TELEPHONE NO. AT WORK IF ANY.....

CAN YOU BE CONTACTED AT WORK?.....

Check the following which are applicable:

Desire to play as a regular.....

Desire to play as an alternate.....

Member of Taconic Golf Club.....

Not a member.....

Planning to become a member?.....

Is there any day of the week you definitely *would not* be able to play?.....

Home address and telephone number

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C. W. Flanders Speaks at U S A F Seminar

Discussing conservation practices at the U.S. Air Force Seminar which was held at the Wyman-Gordon Company in Worcester on March 1 are: Major General L.P. Whitten, USAF Commander of the Middletown Area, who was principal speaker at the Seminar; Mr. Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training at Sprague Electric, who spoke on conservation by Cost and Waste Reduction practices at Sprague Electric Company; Colonel C.F. Burley, USAF Director of Procurement and Production for the area; and, Major S.S. Shine. Other speakers representing industry were: Mr. George W. Motherwell, Vice-President of the Wyman Gordon Company; Mr. J.T. Williams, Staff Assistant of the Raytheon Company, Waltham; and, Mr. George T. Willey, Vice-President of the Glenn L. Martin Corp. of Baltimore, Maryland. The purpose of the Seminar was to point out the needs and benefits of conservation practices in order to get "more Air Force per tax dollar."

General Whitten stated, "Conservation is a challenge to find better and more efficient ways of doing things, improving manufacturing methods, design and tooling, cutting down on scrap and waste, cutting out non-essential administrative practices and substituting less costly but adequate practices."

Mr. Flanders put on an actual demonstration using the visual aids and exhibits which were utilized during the Anti-Waste program for Managerial and Supervisory groups at the Sprague Electric Company last year. Also exhibited were various means of communication in the Company's Waste program, and examples of the Company's Suggestion System were described and displayed.

FOR SALE

Camp. Fully equipped. On large lot with water frontage. Cheshire Lake. For further information dial MO 3-3142.

1941 Ford Motor. Reasonable. Has been recently overhauled. Dial MO 3-3555.

1947 Studebaker Champion. Starlight coupe, black. Used every day. Call extension 483 at Marshall Street.

Sears' largest 21-inch rotary blade gasoline driven lawn mower. Less than one year old. Perfect condition. Selling for $75.00. Also Electrolux tank type vacuum cleaner selling for $20.00 Also a four burner gas stove. Used but clean. $35.00. Call extension 483.

1948 Pontiac Sedan. Black. Radio and Heater. Good tires. $475.00. Dial MO 3-3421 or inquire at 80½ Prospect Street.

Thor mangle with thermostat, lever operated, almost new. Original cost $99.00, will sell for $25.00. Contact Paul Belanger or call MO 3-9782.

Glenwood, apartment size four gas burner range. Dial MO 3-8349.

Coleman Oil Floor Heater. Capacity 25 gallons. In good condition. Inquire at 141 North Hoosac Road, Williamstown.

A left hand corner kitchen sink. White enamel with faucets. Good condition. Call Adams 1351-R, anytime.

Large Maytag washing machine with a set of aluminum tubs. 5 years old. Also a hand pressure water pump ideal for a camp or farm house. Both in excellent condition. Selling for reasonable prices. Dial MO 2-2945 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Three piece tapestry living room suite. Good condition. $125.00. Call Adams 1582-R.

One pair used Head Skiis with bindings. $45.00 with bindings, $40.00 without. Also one pair Swiss imported Bally boots size 9½ width D. Selling for $20.00. Contact William Rossell, extension 501.

Man's tan covert cloth suit. Size 37. Original cost $40.00. Will sell for $10.00. Phone MO 3-7260.

Frigidare Automatic Washer. 1½ years old. Excellent condition. Will sell for $140.00. Call Adams 1381-J.

Norge 5 cubic foot refrigerator. All porcelain and in running condition. Selling for $25.00. Call Adams 1381-J.

Stanley combination 6" bench saw, 1" jointer, sander and grinder with built-in heavy duty ⅓ horsepower motor. Used very little. Will sell for $50.00. Call Adams 1381-J.

Sterling 1¼" Fin-tube baseboard convectors. New. 80 foot, $2.00 per foot. Call Adams 1381-J.

FOR RENT

Five room apartment with bath. Forced hot water heat. Garage and garden space. Stamford, Vermont. Call Adams 1550-W5 after 5:30 p.m. Reference required.

WANTED

Boy's 26" bicycle. Dial MO 3-3502 anytime.

Riders wanted from St. Stanislaus Church or Kelly's Corner in Adams to Beaver Street plant. Shift: 7-4:45. Contact Amen Attalla, Beaver Street plant.

Riders wanted from Williamstown to Marshall Street. Shift 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Jim O'Neil, Ext. 462.

Military Addresses

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Marine Div. F.M.F.
c/o FPO San Francisco, California

Pvt. Alfred H. Boyer RA 21273020
Btry. D 8th Tng. VN
AAA, RTC
Fort Bliss, Texas

Happy Birthday!

April 1—Yvonne Garvie
1—Kay Ryan
2—George Maxwell
3—Ora Boyer
3—Viola Shea
3—Joan Southgate
3—Emmy Wutholen
4—Ora Levesque
4—Robert Stevens
6—Anne Baker
7—Nancy Gould
13—Alice Soldati
14—Angelina Carleton
15—James Randall
17—Bernard Gilmore
18—Nicolas Fulginiti
19—Frances Siciliano
21—Ida Chilson
23—Jeanette Shambeau
24—Florence DeMarsico
25—Lillian Babcock
25—Toni Connell
27—Samuel Unsworth
29—Edward Lamphier
May 1—Lorraine Marceau
1—Arthur Racette
3—Rita Cooper

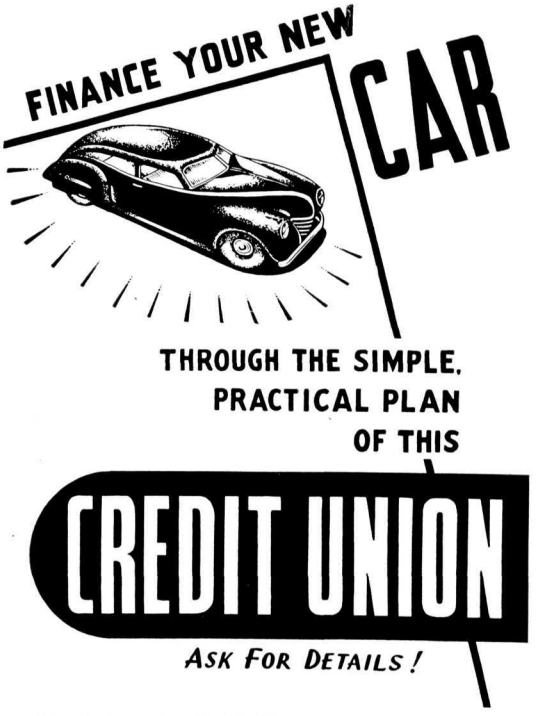
Courtney W. Flanders Manager of Training, is shown here discussing with Carlos Kollmannsperger of Bonn, Germany, Employe and Community Relations practices in the Sprague Electric Company. Mr. Kollmannsperger, who is with the U.S. Information Agency in Germany, was one of the Agency's employes selected to participate in the Orientation Program for Foreign Employes, sponsored by Junior Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States.

Names in the News

JOHN D. MOYNIHAN, who several months ago was appointed to the Moduline Carrier Current Development Group Headquarters staff of the Company, has had an article entitled "Unexpected Causes of Carrier Noise" published in the February 15 issue of Electric Light and Power magazine.

MRS. HARRIET C. SPRAGUE, mother of Robert C. Sprague and Julian K. Sprague, is the author of the feature article in the current edition of the Colby Library Quarterly, a literary magazine published by the Colby College Library at Waterville, Maine. The article is a biographical memoir of John Bartlett, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first publication of his famous book, "Familiar Quotations".

Sprague Electric Credit Union Says:



Here's how the Credit Union arranges some typical auto financings:

CASH NEEDED	TOTAL CHARGES 24 MONTHS	WEEKLY PAYMENTS
$ 800.00	$79.67	$ 8.46
1000.00	99.45	10.58
1200.00	119.23	12.69
1500.00	148.90	15.86
1800.00	178.57	19.03

Top: Men of the Machine Shop are shown here enjoying the dinner given at Four Acres Restaurant in honor of Richard Patterson, who received his Machinist A Certificate. Bottom: Present at the dinner were left to right; Rudy Drobiak, head of the Dinner Committee; James Cooper; Raymond Bass, President of Schyler Lodge No. 1794 of the IAM; William J. Nolan, Vice-President and Secretary of the Company; Earl Williams; and Donald Ross, Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Round Midget Assembly

by Frances E. Kordana

Spring came on a Monday, so the calendar said, but the weather man had other ideas. He sent big, bright and beautiful snowflakes instead of spring. Despite the bad weather and because of the calendar, the girls went looking for spring clothes anyway. Hope you all found what you went looking for... While a young girl's fancy turns to clothes, a man's turns to fishing, perhaps a bit of romance and our great American game of baseball. Now take the poor housewife, her fancy has to turn to that old fashioned spring cleaning, so get to it girls... It looks like we just can't seem to roll up that Welcome Mat lately because this time it is out again for the following: Germaine Mineau, Bertha Beauchamp, Luisa Meranti, Viola Dempsey, Raymond Wellspeak, and last but not least, Adrian Darling who came back to the department...Glad to have you with us again, Clara Catotti and Ramona Turgeon, who returned to work after a short convalescent period. Now Ramona can join the group of Mamas, especially when the subject of children arises... We all bid our farewell to Bob Stevens who has now moved to a floor above us and is in the midst of a course called draftmanship, you know along the same line Jimmy Boner is. Bob, just a little reminder... We know it will be a pleasure to see that familiar face of yours around the old place once in a while...Our farewell also goes out to Albert Readyhough, Jean Maselli, Bert Jones and Erma Allen who have returned to Brown Street. Gee Erma, the gang certainly misses your jokes, especially Doris. So you'd better come back...Oh yes! Just a warning. Don't ever ask Doris Gaudette for any directions because I'd hate to see where you'd end up. Just recently someone asked her for directions to the Tantalum Department, and found themselves in the clock tower. Do you want that to happen to you? If not, then please accede to this warning...Bon Voyage greetings go out to Josephine Aragose and her mother who will be sailing on the Adrea Doria on April 26th, for Carset, Italy. The reason for this trip is to attend a very special and thrilling occasion—the 60th wedding anniversary of Josephine's grandparents. Happy landing, Jo, and may God Bless you and your Mom. We will be eager to hear from you and don't let such a little thing as the ocean come between us...Emma Dube's favorite TV program seems to be "Howdy Doody Time" because she constantly keeps turning it on. The only difference in this program is that you'll find the character being portrayed by Vi Bona and Rita DiSanti...You must have heard that saying "Chicken Every Sunday", well if you peek in on this department you'll find that the chicken comes every Thursday and is it ever delicious...Congratulations go out to Bertha Beauchamp who recently became a grandmother...Ida Chilson's name still appears on the leave list but I gather it won't be long now before she'll be with us again. By the way Ida, the girls are all taking turns in keeping your chair warm for you...The most recent name added to the leave list was Alice Filip and we hope that she too will be back with us soon...It looks like Sprague Electric is giving our department free showers. I am referring to the sprinkler system. It all occurred one day in March. It looks like a bathing suit is safer than an apron now-a-days...What say some of you girls down on the other end of the room turn in some news items? This is your column, you know, and the only way I can keep it going is with your help.

This smiling little fellow is the son of Harry and May Embry. Harry is employed in the Centrifuge Department.

Ceramics

by Millie Mativi

Belated greetings to Charles Landry on his sixty-fourth birthday which he celebrated on March 13. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Landry on their forty-fourth wedding anniversary. May you both enjoy many more years together... So-long to Marie, Ruth, Jeannette and Adeline. It was very nice working with you girls but it is always nice to go back to your own department...Jane is smiling these days. She has been receiving letters from her son, who is in the Marines...Florence Harrington is very happy these days. Her son is back in this country and will be home soon. Florence has not seen him for one and a half years...Our grandmother this month is May Riordan. A seven pound boy was born to her daughter. May sure is proud and happy these days.

F.P. Ovens and Assembly

by Marguerite Daub

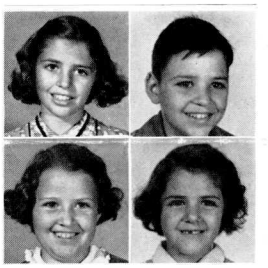
Our party for March was held in honor of Joan Bohl whose birthday was March 11. It was held at the home of Marguerite Daub. We had a nice crowd and Joan was presented a bag and string of pearls. Rose LeBeau presented her with a birthday cake which everyone enjoyed needless to say. We are now waiting for our next party...We will have to do something about Rita Clifford the next time. It seems that every party she attends she can't get to work the next day. This last time she had to go have a tooth pulled. We promise to have no hard rolls the next time, Rita...Welcome back to Joan Bohl. Joannie has been on sick leave...Flossie McCauly is now out on sick leave and although she is feeling some better her Doctor says no work for at least two more months. We are glad you are feeling better and hope you will be completely well again long before then. We want you back soon, Flossie!

This picture of Jack Sullivan, Centrifuge Department, was taken in Hollywood, Florida during 95° temperature in February, while here in New England, we were experiencing below zero weather.

Filter and Net Development Center

by Julia Desrosiers

We welcome Dick Konopka and Francis Kelly to our office staff...We are also happy to have Edwin Bohl back with us. He has recently returned from the Marines...We wish loads of luck to Jimmy Knox, Jr...We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis DePaoli on the birth of a son, March 27 and to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ruhman on the birth of their son, also on March 27. Dorothy DePaoli and Irving both work in our office... We congratulate Harry Saunders and Mary Maroni. They are to be married on May 14...We wish Stella Beauchamp a speedy recovery...The coil winders are waiting to be moved to their new room. It sure will be nice... After this snow everyone is wondering what to do with their Easter outfits. Should we store them or our winter clothes?



Here are the children of Romeo Scerbo, and grandchildren of Mary Scerbo of the Filter Department. Romeo who now lives in Dunedin, Florida, and was formerly employed in the P.A.A. Department at Brown Street. The children are Janice 12, Bernie 10, Susan 8 and Sally 6.

Here is the baby of the Scerbo family. Just as Mom was taking the picture she stuck her tongue out.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Your reporter is back in the swing of things again and it is really wonderful to be back with you...I want to thank Frances Kordana for pitching in as reporter for me while I was out. You did a wonderful job and everyone enjoyed reading your column...We understand, Frances that you will be leaving us in September to take up training for a nurse. Lots of luck and we know you will make quite a nurse... Our spring is here again and it is trying its best to reach us. By the looks of it quite a few of us might be disappointed for Easter because they won't be able to change into their Easter outfits... April 15th is the deadline for our taxes. Just think another year has gone by and our taxes are paid once again. Now we can sit back and say that it wasn't too bad at that...We don't know what we would do without our Maude Crews. She is a very handy person to have around. We wonder what we would do if we didn't have Maude Crews to help us out with the past. She can really go back and dig out the old memories...TV is still the big event in the room. It seems none of us really can begin to get enough of it, so some of us compare notes. We get quite a kick out of some of the programs, especially when Eva Daldoss and Lillian Trombley give us their remarks of the shows. The big noise recently was the play "Peter Pan" and the remarks made by Eva were out of this world. Lillian says Eva doesn't know the finer things in life. Getting to the point, we all have to have culture to appreciate some of the shows they put on. That's also another big topic in the room. Well, girls with TV and culture someone will make us into something yet!...We are glad to hear Yvonne Ross's son is home from the hospital and is coming along well...Quite a few of us took part in the Boston paper's big contest of the TV stars. Bobbie Johnson was the one who made it sound so interesting for us all. He helped us out with the pictures. We are all waiting to see how the results come out. (Who's who today, Bobbie?) Who's going to win?...Corine Simon's and Maude Crews' sons are new owners of cars these days...Eva Daldoss is sporting a new hair-do, which is very becoming.

Pictured here is Pvt. Henry Ellsworth who is stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany. He is the nephew of Emma Jobin who works in the Shipping Department at Marshall Street.

Well sun-tanned are Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders of Williamstown. They are shown visiting with Mrs. May Lepera, a former employe of Sprague Electric, now retired in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Prokar Polyester

by Norman Miller

A/3C Norman Roy Miller, son of Norman Miller of Prokar Department and Lucille Miller of Wire Coating is spending a 38 day leave at home with his parents. Airman Miller has completed a thirteen weeks course in Air Patrol at Parks Air Force Base in Oakland, California. At the termination of his leave, he is to report at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. From there he will go to St. Johns, Newfoundland. He is a graduate of Drury High School with the class of 1954...It is nice to have Mathew Krzeminski back with us after a long siege of the virus. We sure all missed Matt.

Research and Engineering-Transistor Lab and Pilot Plant

by Christine Andrews

We welcome Raymond Lord to the Transistor Lab. Ray was in the Air Force, stationed in England and Germany. We are sure he'll enjoy working with Dr. Ray Jackson...The Three Musketeers-Peter Pinnsoneault, Aime Thibert and Ray Lord-enjoy fish 'n chips on Fridays and have jelly beans for dessert. No accounting for people's tastes...Ann Morin had a "something" birthday on March 10. She has an aversion to being 19—ah, youth!...The only person not minding the recent weekend storms lately is Roger Ottman. Load up the mountain with snow and he's "tow-happy"... John Zeppieri and his wife, Martha, made the trip to Rome, New York, recently to visit John's father who is convalescing from a heart attack... Ray Hunicke is enjoying a two week vacation with his family in sunny California. The lucky people flew cross-country to visit relatives... Aima Marcus is the proud owner of a cream colored Pontiac convertible. Strange thing about the car though, it grows larger once it's put in the garage ...Charles Stoneham and Inge Kolterer enjoyed the Cap and Bells performance of "Antigone" at the Adams Memorial Theatre...Your reporter attended Parents' Day at State Teachers College on April 2. The Science Show was well represented by Sprague Electric workers who are also students on the hill. Tom Bernard had a geography display of rock formations from all over the world. Tom is a Sophomore this year...Saw Anita Wacker and her husband enjoying the Ghost Train performance in the evening at Drury. Anita was a student last year at the college...Stella Blasi enjoyed her birthday March 31. She received chocolates from the gang...Jo Noetzel's daughter, Patty, has returned from Springfield Hospital and is convalescing at home. She wants to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness in sending cards and gifts.

Dry Rolling Department

by Millie Kawa

A hearty welcome is extended to Dot Davis, Claire Gliwski, Marie Gattuso and Tommy Gregalis for joining the gang in Dry Rolling...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clifton who are proud parents of a new born daughter. Now we know the reason for that extra happy look Eddie! And as for you Kay, hurry back, we miss you ...We also extend congratulations to

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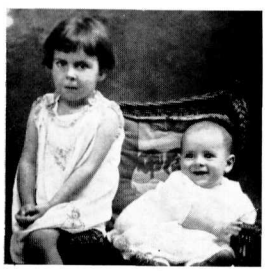
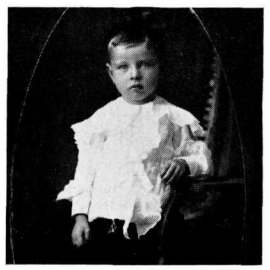
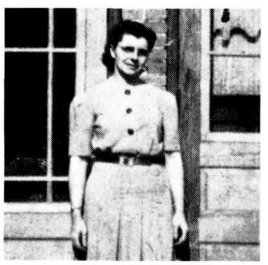
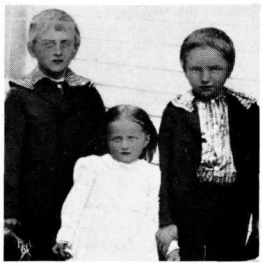


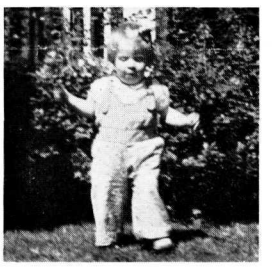


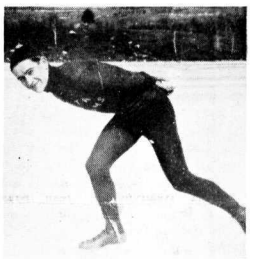




The LOG *Family Album opens its pages for you. These are pictures of Sprague Electric employes in the "good 'ol days gone by".*

Do you recognize these faces?? . . . if not, glance at their names which you will find at the bottom of page.





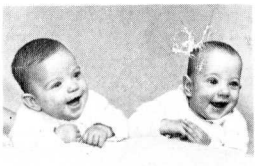
First column, top to bottom are: (1) Elizabeth Slattery of Industrial Oils Rolling and her twin sister Miss Rock; (2) Erminia Sweeney of Industrial Oils Rolling; (3) Marie Dargie of Stock Room—Brown Street and her brother Albert Barbuto a machinist at Beaver Street; (4) left to right, Marceline Poirot and Dolly Rowett of Round Midget Assembly and Adeline Poirot of Tantalum Department.

Second column, top to bottom are: (1) Frank Lineberry of Industrial Oils Final Assembly; (2) Corinne Simon of Flat Midget Assembly; (3) Carole Clark of Field Engineering; (4) Mina Rondeau of L.C.C. Lines—Brown Street; (5) Eva Daldoss, Flat Midget Assembly.

Third column, top to bottom are: (1) Stella Charbonneau of F.P. Oven and Assembly and her two brothers; (2) Susan Cancro, Building One; (3) Celia Scarbo of Paper Rolling; (4) Joan Southgate of Field Engineering.

Fourth column, top to bottom are: (1) Gladys Kilbride of Metal Clad Assembly; (2) at extreme right Mary O'Neil of L.C.C. Lines; (3) Kay Ryan of Field Engineering; (4) Agnes Houghton of L.C.C. Lines; (5) Gus Daldoss, brother of Eva Daldoss of Flat Midget Assembly.

Fifth column; top to bottom: (1) Clara Bourdon of Ceramics and Corinne Button of Metal Clad Assembly; (2) Charles Felix of Industrial Oils Final Assembly C; (3) Arlene Jeffers of Building One; (4) Madeline Horrigan of Round Midget Assembly.



These cute little twins are Linda Susan and Debra Jean, daughters of Bill Drury who works in Industrial Oils Final Assembly at Brown Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard who are proud parents of a baby girl. Barb, it seems as if you've been out for ages so please hurry back . . . Mary Richardello recently had her hair cut. The new hair-do is very becoming to you, Mary . . . Mary Buda recently spent a weekend in Connecticut and had a wonderful time . . . It seems to us that Joe DeGrenier has been bitten by the travelling bug. Within the last three weeks he has taken two trips to Rhode Island. Where in Rhode Island??? Lincoln Downs, naturally . . . Anita Gibeau is back to work after her recent operation. Glad to see you back, Anita! . . . The virus bug bit a few of our good rollers and stitchers. Hurry and get well. Adam can't do without you. *Notice*: Yours truly (Millie Kawa) is your reporter, but I can't do the job well without your cooperation. So please turn in some news!

F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

Welcome back to Celia Barcomb and Evelyn Prystas, and, we are also glad to meet our newcomers Ernie St. Cyr and George Haddad . . . Carol Barslow is walking around in a happy daze—reason—her daughter and son-in-law have returned from Honolulu where they were married July 28, 1954. We wish Seaman and Mrs. Ray Farrar many years of happiness together . . . Angie Carleton has received word that her daughter Sandy Triggs formerly of the Sales Office has arrived safely in Tokyo, Japan where she joined her husband, Airman 2/c Thomas Triggs . . . Jack and Millie Faustini have just moved into their new home on East Road, Adams. We hope they will like it . . . We wish the best of luck to Harry Brierley who has been transferred as Supervisor at the new I.B.M. Department at Beaver Street . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard who celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 21st and to Stella Charbonneau and her husband who will celebrate their's on May 6 . . . Congratulations to Dukie Abraham who recently became an aunt . . . Lorraine Marceau attended the Autorama in Hartford, Connecticut, a short while ago . . . June Lamoureaux, Eva Levesque, Dorothy Lewis had a wonderful trip in Washington, D. C. where they attended the Cherry Festival which was held from March 28 to April 3 . . . Vacationing at home are Orvilla Williams, Mary Neville and Roma Koch.

Filters

Marjorie Richer and Alice Monette

Regina Serre welcomed her son Robert home from the service last month and Helena Adams expects her son Donald in time for Easter . . . New York was honored by a visit from John Smith and Dot Bliss last weekend . . . Rita Pozza said goodbye to her daughter last week when she left to join her husband in Newfoundland . . . Best wishes to Mary Maroni who will hear wedding bells soon . . . Some of us had a chance to congratulate Joe LaFrance on his coming marriage to Doris Daniels at a party given in her honor at Heartwellville on St. Patrick's Day. Good luck kids! . . . Congratulations to Anna Mae Jammallo on the birth of her son; to Dorothy Welowski on the birth of her son; and, to Tony Falco and his wife on the birth of their daughter . . . When all the reconstruction work is finished in our department, we'll probably all go crazy from lack of noise . . . May we take this time to extend Easter Greetings to all former coworkers both at home and in other departments.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Martha Lewis in the loss of her young grandson, Ted Lewis, who died on March 17th.

Building 7 Offices

Betty Bogus and Selma Sabin

While your reporter Joan Paradis is at home awaiting a visit from the stork, Selma Sabin will try to keep you up on the news in our Department . . . Among the V.I.P.'s in the department we have the newly elected 1st Vice President of the Jaycees, William Kirby, Jr. and 2nd Vice President, Ernest Jones. Hats off to the outgoing President of the Jaycees, Robert Smith, for a job well done. He will serve as a member of the Board of Directors this year . . . It is so-long until August for our Northeastern University Engineering student, Louis Scalise. Welcome back to Al Marden . . . For whom is Tom Cullen bringing back a JUG of Puerto Rican Rum???? . . . Standard Reading Material for the golfers now that the weather shows signs of spring is Ben Hogan's "Power Golf". Is it true that one Planning Engineer can quote from it verbatim! . . . Who is the proud owner of a new 1955 two-tone Green DeSoto (hint-a Time Study man.) . . . It figures that the figures of several of our co-workers are being remodeled in the new diet fad . . . Mr. McClure and yours truly are sporting Florida tans and would welcome a formula for preserving their New Look . . . Welcome to Verna Trottier and Eugene Labelle who are now working with us in the Material Control Department . . . Hey Marion—"Spring iz sprung, the grass is riz, I wunder where the boidies iz. The boids iz on de wing, but dat's absoid,—the wing iz on de boids." . . . Congratulations to Ernest Jones of Planning Department and Rita Siciliano who are to be married in June.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Walter Rohane on the recent death of his sister.

Centrifuge Department

Jack Sullivan and Belle Mahar

Happy birthday to Zig Nash from the guys and dolls. Zig celebrated his birthday the 26th of March. (Better late than never!) . . . Percy Bordwin was snowbound up in Canada last weekend . . . We are happy to see Sam Spagnolo back with us after his stay in the hospital . . . Donald Arigoni will either have to change his brand of cigars or leave them home when he rides in Mr. Nash's car . . . We hope that Dom Pisano likes the new bedroom set his wife bought. You should know by this time, Dom, the little woman is always right! . . . The boys in the gatehouse must like us, they're always calling this department, especially for one girl . . . Victor Vareschi was giving everyone the ha!ha! all winter when their cars wouldn't start. What happened to yours last week, Vic?? . . . Jack Sullivan was chaperon at the Teen-Age Dance held in Readsboro last week. Rita was chaperon for Jack!

Sprague Products

Ginger Gallese & Patricia Schabot

Rita English had an unfortunate accident while cleaning her closet last Saturday. Seems as though Rita was going to spray the closet with moth balls that she had put in the vacumn cleaner, only Rita put the hose on the wrong end. When she turned on the juice—WOOSH!—moth balls went flying all over the bedroom. Rumor has it Rita is still picking up the moth balls. Think she'll be done by summer? . . . WANTED! One man, perferably with new Spinet piano. Second hand piano, however, will do. Inquire at Sprague Products . . . Rose Mazzu is anxiously awaiting the arrival of warm weather so she can resume her tennis playing.

All smiles are; Linda 8, Michael 6½, and, Sally 2. They are the children of Vera Davine who works in Molded Tubulars Department.

With a little more practice Rose will be entering a tournament and we all will be able to watch her exhibit her talent . . . We are glad to hear Eileen Trottier is making a speedy recovery from her accidental fall last month . . . Fran Therrien has left our office to work at Cornish Wire. Best of luck, Fran. Say hello to our good friend Pat Nutting when you get there . . . A pre-nuptial party was held in honor of Janice Russett at Heartwellville Lodge, March 24. A good time was had by all. Jan is to be married April 16. Best of Luck, Janice . . . Strange as it may seem, Nancy Duda broke out with "poison ivy" soon after the first day of Spring. Anyone ever hear of having "poison ivy" in March? . . . Helen Calahan's home was really buzzing Easter weekend when her son and his family from Montclair, New Jersey came for a short visit.

Small Order Sample

Donald Beliveau & Gerald Lavigne

Good luck to Bob McDonough on his recent transfer to the lab. We'll miss you, "Shorty" . . . The department had a good showing at the recent mixed doubles bowling match. Prizes were won by Fran Morse, Phyllis Charron and Helen Mancuso. Nice going girls . . . Our belated congratulations to Gertrude Brown, who became a grandmother for the second time recently . . . A hearty welcome to Stan Maxwell and Joe Stawarz, our new coworkers. Hope you like the department fellows . . . A belated welcome back to Don Beliveau from service with the army, and to Helen Cole, from an illness.

Sympathy is extended to Arlene Rabidoux on the death of her father-in-law and to Theresa Pedercine on the death of her aunt.

Executive Offices

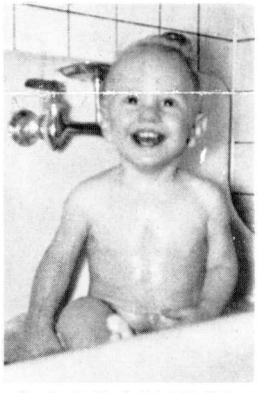
Susan Cancro

Congratulations to Sally Hillard who has left our small group to become secretary to Bruce Carlson. Actually, her new office is so near we really don't feel as though she had left us. And although there was no loss, we do have a gain—welcome, Betty Bastable. We're happy to have you with us and hope you enjoy working here . . . Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Carlson on the arrival of their new son, Gregg Philip, born March 24 at the Pittsfield General Hospital . . . Welcome to Donald Millberry who has joined the group in the Cost Department . . . We're happy to see Pete Horbal back at work and to know he is feeling better.

Payroll, Tabulating and Factory Accounting

Irene Dubreuil

A combined bridal shower and farewell party was held at Petey Dink's Restaurant on March 31 in honor of Shirley Girard, Payroll, who is to be married on April 30 to Casimer Kordana, and for Ruth Brewer of Factory Accounting and Theresa Brothers of Tabulating. The tables were decorated in an Easter theme with favors of miniature Easter baskets filled with colored eggs and candy. Shirley received a Samsonite wardrobe case; Ruth, an aluminum bathinette and accessory tray; and Terry, a carriage set, baby blanket and shawl and a nylon duster. We wish the girls the best of luck . . . Ed Letourneau told us a good story the other day. It seems his wife, Marion, was taking her afternoon nap when she heard someone knocking at the front door. When she answered the door, there stood a very little boy. Marion asked him what he wanted and he replied, "Nothing, I just wanted to see how your knocker works!" . . . Cecile Roy is really making the headlines



Singing in the bathtub! is Robert George Provost, 16 month old son of Mary Provost who works in Industrial Oils Final Assembly. He is the grandson of Jo Gaspardi of the Mica Department.

these days. The other night during the terrible wind storm we had, part of her roof blew away. Well, Ceil, if you can thaw out water pipes by yourself, you can repair the roof . . . Mel Lanoue certainly has quite a time parking her car these days. Harold Twitchell and Ronnie Bush park their cars so that she barely has room for hers. Go ahead, Mel, give them each a little dent in their fenders . . . Spring is here! Florence Harris, Jo Lamberti and Agnes McDonough are sporting very new hair styles.

Sympathy is extended to Roger Bastien on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. O'Brien.

Sprague Electric International, Ltd. extends its very deepest sympathies to Myrna and Don Harvey on the death of their infant daughter and to Jeanette Krzeminski in the sudden death of her mother.

Field Engineering

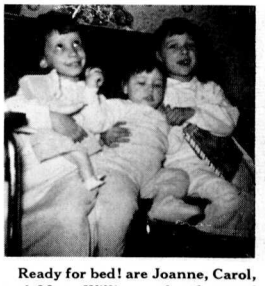
by Carole Clarke

Although Spring is not always too obvious these days, Easter has arrived, and most of us have gone ahead and dreamed up new outfits which surpass any of previous years. The results are really eye-catching! Marion Matney is all decked out in the latest. I. Miller shoes, consisting of just a step-in foot, (painted toenails and all) with orange spike heels. The effect is a barefoot girl walking on carrots . . . Clare Pedercini has a new kerchief called "Flicka", with a built-in Shetland pony-tail . . . The idea for Kay Ryan's straw sailor hat and bell bottom skirt came straight from Bainbridge. Real gobby! . . . When Henia wears her new blue chapeau you can't tell which way she's "heading". Is it me, or does it resemble a Studebaker? . . . Joan Murray is wearing a new "duster" of genuine turkey feathers. I guess this is a ticklish subject? . . . Joan Southgate has a musical hat which resembles a certain new Philco clock radio. Who says you can't take it with you? Nora Scalise heard that color is the thing this year, and will outdo the best in her red hat, fuschia dress and lavender shoes. (Not to mention the orange pocketbook and avacado gloves.) . . . That new "disc" hat Marion Sewell is sporting was made from her favorite opera record. It has only one disadvantage. Marion says her head is just spinning! . . . Last, but not least, Yours Truly is planning to wear a new "box" suit with an original Florida label. (Sunkist Oranges!) Happy Easter!

Research and Engineering

by Nora Christie

Welcome to our four new colleagues: Howard Jennings, who works for Industrial Oils; Peter Wol of the Magnetic Department; Peter Giacapuzzi, who works for Dick Tylor; and, John Murphy, who works for Fielding Brown. Incidentally John is the brother of Janet Murphy of the Library and he was married on March 26th. Congratulations John! We wish you every happiness . . . Well it is nice to see our workmates of the Industrial Oils back with us again—Stanley Bagdon, Tom Richardson and Louis Henry, who were all out sick for a few days . . . Congratulations to Victor Boucher and Stanley Bagdon. Victor is the father of a son, Charles, born March 20 and weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Stanley is the father of a daughter weighing 10 lbs. 6 oz . . . We are sorry to see Bill Patterson leaving us. He was given a farewell party at the 1896 House. I understand a good time was had by all. Bill was presented with a brief case and cigars, and his wife received a corsage . . . Keep an eye peeled for Bob Lamore who will be riding on his new motorcycle.



Ready for bed! are Joanne, Carol, and Mary Williams, daughters of Ken Williams who works in the Sandia Department at Brown Street.

Test Equipment, Research and Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

We are full of congratulations this month...Our first congratulations go to our new Foreman, Dick Peterson. We, in the department, wish the best of luck to a grand guy. Our second congrats on the births of 4th child, 4th daughter, Nancy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fabricius and to Mr. and Mrs. David Beighley on the birth of their second child, 1st son, Darryl Paul... Also congratulations to Raymond Collier, Sr. for winning a $15.00 Suggestion Award...In the wake of our out-of-season storm, John Adams and Alan Smith hurried summer along by taking a dip at Windsor Lake. They reported it was very refreshing but we don't recommend it.

Tantalum

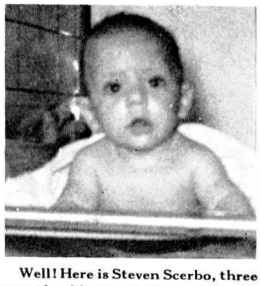
by Mary Odell

We want to welcome a few more employes who have been added to our department. They are: Mary Girard, Philia Pontier, Hannah Sarkis, Ruth Charron, Archie Pontier, Dorothy Dickinson, Verna Lord, Bobby Felix, Bertha Luscier and Helen Bernard... We also want to welcome Donald Fortini who recently joined us as a Supervisor...Happy Birthday greetings to Lorraine DiLorenzo on March 6 and also to Rita Decoteau who celebrated hers on April 4...We wish a speedy recovery to Dom Papas who has been ill these last few weeks. We miss you, Dom...We wish to congratulate Stan Ziaja who officially became our Foreman on March 22. We will all do our best in cooperating with you, Stan...We all know why Phyllis LaPine is so happy these days. In the near future she will be "counting her blessings instead of sheep"...Congratulations are in order for Mary Girard and her husband who celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on April 6 and to Rita Decoteau and her husband who celebrated their 20th anniversary on April 22.

Specifications Engineering

by Lena Hurlbut

Now that spring is here, we'll be seeing Betty Mahoney riding around in her new Plymouth, better known to us as "Patrick"...Also on the highways we'll be seeing Connie Dube and her husband with their new car... William Frost will be leaving us for employment at Cornish Wire...Ann Reardon got a head start to a beautiful tan from skiing at Bromley, and are we ever envious! Also William Martin is sporting a becoming tan which he acquired from skiing...Mary MacArthur has been seen polishing her fishing gear for the big day and Lena Hurlbut can't wait to use her new fishing outfit which her husband got in Japan...Has anyone seen the lovely sweater Diane St. Pierre made for her boyfriend? Sure is a credit to her talent.



Well! Here is Steven Scerbo, three month old son of Raymond who works in Ceramics and Shirley who is employed in the Sample Department at Brown Street.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Raymond Calvi in the loss of his mother.

Miscellaneous Dry Western Electric

by Ceil Risch

Congratulations to Priscilla Douglas and Horace Greenlaw from the I.B.M. Bowling team and their Department ...Congratulations to Anna Mae and Gus Jammallo who are parents of a new born son.

Dry Tubular Assembly

Margaret Champagny and Gladys Sullivan

We wish to welcome Doris Vallieres back to work after an extended illness ...Helen Drobiak and her family spent the weekend in Holyoke visiting relatives...We are glad that Clifford Roy at last had a chance to use his fireplace —results of the last snow storm. The storm cut off all electricity in Clarksburg...Rita Cardinal came in Monday sporting a new hair cut; real cute, Rita ...Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Boucher on the birth of their son.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Emma Golden on the death of her sister.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Here is Richard James Brayman, Jr., son of Richard and Sylvia Brayman of Metal Clad Finish. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burdick, both employes of Sprague Electric.

Networks

Irene Pidgeon and Mae O'Neil

First of all we would like to say so-long to Mary Unis who has left our little group. Hope it won't be long too before you're back with us, Mary. We sure miss your sunny disposition... Our Supervisor, Bernie Stackpoole, had a nice visit from his son who was home on furlough from the Air Force... Clara Lescarbeau was also fortunate to have her son, who is in the Army, home for ten days...Get well wishes go to John MacFarlane's father, who has been in the hospital...Get well wishes go also to Mina Rondeau's husband who is in the hospital in Boston...What would happen in this department if: Clara Lescarbeau couldn't talk on the phone; Mary O'Neil's horses won a race; Tom O'Neil couldn't whistle; Mina Rondeau didn't have her juicy fruit gum; Mae O'Neil didn't have any No. 684's to repair with; and, last but not least, Irene Pidgeon and John MacFarlane didn't have their daily arguments???

Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy

Good luck and many years of happiness to Dottie and Ed Newman, who recently moved into their new home on Tilda Hill Road in the town of Florida

This cute little sweetheart is none other than Nancy Kelly, two year old daughter of Virginia Kelly who formerly worked in the Resistors Department. Nancy's grandmother is Frances Kelly of the Sandia Room.

...We welcome Priscilla Sherman and Phyllis Baliakos who recently came to work in our department...If you should look out the window at Brown Street and see a flash of red, don't get excited. It isn't the fire department. It will be Ralph Lewis with his new Ford. Some class, Ralph...Blanche Tatro was hostess at a personal shower recently, held in honor of Beverly LaBombard. Bev will become the bride of Blanche's son Bernie on May 7. Good luck to you kids!...Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bissaillon who celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 15th.

Industrial Oils Rolling

by Erminia Sweeney

Lots of luck to Alma Devio who was recently presented with a bathinet and baby sweaters...Liz Slattery received the shock of her life the other day when she opened her lunch basket and found instead of her usual box of food, mushrooms. Her agonized shriek was heard all over the room...Jeannette Trela received a slip and birthday cake for her birthday...Katie Patterson, we sure are glad you are better!...Frances Pitoniak has been transferred to the Sandia Room...So-long to Henrietta Langlois who is now working at the Beaver...Helen Falco and Alice Lunney have left us for a short while. George Graziola is now a fulltime selectman. He is also Justice of the Peace in Readsboro and is always on call for the highway department when the roads get bad. This proves age is no barrier. It's the individual himself who counts...Alice Beauchamp is now an aunt. A boy was born to her sister Jeannette Holmes, who formerly worked in this department.

Industrial Oil Final Assembly

by Charles Felix

During the past month we have had three girls return to the department. So we put out the welcome mat for Mandy Daniels, Evelyn Davis and Rose Vareschi. Before taking in the mat we would like also to welcome to our department two young men— Isadore Pindick and Robert Groves. Also Norman Gamari who is now our Check Inspector replacing Pete Grande who has moved over to Wire Coating. Victor Gay has transferred to Kenny Russell's department. We wish you all the best of luck in your new departments!...We are happy to report that Margaret Malone's father, who many remember as Pat Malone, former councilman and assessor, is recovering from a recent fall. Pat is now 85 years of age...Jimmy Rondeau recently moved from Liberty Street to the former Gregory Farm on South State Street...Bessie Paradise took a ride up to her summer home in Savoy recently but the snow was so deep that she decided to wait awhile before moving in for the summer...Mary Milanesi has given the Shippers a new look with her new glasses...Donald Jones is back at work after his recent operation...Germaine Molleur and her husband Ray spent the Easter holiday in Washington, D.C. with their son Richard...Our foreman Ray Brown recently spent a week's vacation visiting in Canada and enjoyed himself skiing.

Wire Coating

by Betty Jangrow

RAYMOND DICKINSON Ray was delegated to find a picture of the Peru Post Office for the recent issue of Vermont Life Magazine. It happens that the second place of his employment was as assistant to the Postmaster in the town of Peru. He tells us that the outside of the building has been preserved but there have been many improvements on the interior.

PETE GRANDE is a new personality in the Wire Coating room, his status being a Check Inspector. Pete is a great lover of dogs. He and Mrs. Grande made a trip to the Field Trials in Easthampton, Mass. on Sunday, April 3. Pete tells us that it took ten hours to return home via Berkshire Trail. He commented that the most comfortable passengers were Marksman, Li-Jo-Lou, Sky, Jet and Twinkle Toes, the beagles. They had no fear of a snow storm...

MR. AND MRS. RALPH BULLETT On March 19th the Greylock Explorer Troop entertained fathers, members of the troop committee and guests. The affair was held in Holy Family School Hall with 75 members being present. Richard J. O'Brien, member of the troop committee served as Toast Master. Ernest Purpura, Chairman of the troop committee was presented the troop charter. Chester H. Lanoue, Cubmaster and Ralph Bullet, Scoutmaster, were introduced. Police Chief John Flaherty, the guest speaker, praised the work of the troop and its leaders. The decorations were donated by Mrs. Barry. Name cards were made by the Girl Scout troop 10 of Greylock. The stage was arranged to represent an out-door camp. Mothers of the explorers donated cakes and salads for the affair. Roberta Washburn, Sandra Cassell and Mrs. Ralph Bullet of Troop 10 waited on tables. Incidentally the delicious spaghetti supper was prepared by Mrs. Zenon Barry.

EARLE DUPEE (2nd shift) Staff Sergeant G.E. Dupee returned from Germany on April 2nd for a 30 day furlough.

Congratulations are extended to Helen Burdick who has a new grandson named Ronald Allan Burdick. He was born on March 24.

Molded Tubulars

by Jeannette Cady

We are glad to have Dora Burns back with us again. It seems like old times, Dora, and we sure did miss you ...Alice Contois hopes she never will experience a ride over the Mohawk Trail like the one she had a few weekends ago. It only took her four hours to come to North Adams from Greenfield. It seems she picked the wrong Sunday to go travelling. It turned out to be the worst snowstorm we have had in months...Spring has finally arrived and there are a few sure signs of it in our room. For instance; Anna Deeb has taken her car out of winter storage and we notice a couple of the girls are having their hair cut...Frances Siciliano found out the other day that her apron was not fireproof. It seems some sparks fell on her apron and smoldered for a few minutes before she realized what had happened. What, no feelings?... Sarah Brown had one of the Colorado Exchange students up at her home for the week and for the little time she saw her she said she really was very interesting and very nice. Her daughter, Doris goes to Greeley this month.

Pictured here are the three children of Angelina Downs who works in the Special Products at the Beaver St. plant. They are left, Juanita who is 5, baby Diane who is 16 months, and, Frances who is 7.

Industrial Oils Cover Assembly

by Ann Heath

We were very sad when some of the girls were transferred to the Beaver Street Plant. They were: Hazel Bass, Betty Kleiner, Dot DeGraff and Anna Maroni. We wish you the best of luck in your new jobs. They are now working for Mr. Nicol...Charlie Cyr had a hard time while in Canada. He got snowed in for three days, with nothing to eat or drink. We were surprised Charlie didn't eat his way out of the drifts for we know his capacity for food...Charlie Zocchi has a nice new Ford Station Wagon. Some class, Charlie. We are still looking for Champ Delisle's new Ford. The Fords have sure got it for Industrial Oils...Lt. William R. Mumford, Jr. spent 21 days at home on furlough after having spent a year in Korea as a jet pilot. He left to report at Las Vegas, Nevada, March 3 as an instructor in Aerial Gunnery. His mother, Emily works in Industrial Oils...Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bagdon on the birth of their daughter and to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doane on the birth of their daughter.

We wish to extend our sympathies to James Delisle in the recent death of his father and to Hazel Bass in the recent death of her father.

Sample Department

by Alma Pratt

Lucille Minneau is on a diet and she certainly looks wonderful! Lou has many bets that she will stick to it. One bet has already paid off. All it takes is will power...Champ Delisle is the proud owner of a new Ford. No wonder he is all smiles...Harry Logan is all set for Spring so that he can once again try his luck at fishing...If anyone wants to get confused, try playing "20 Questions" with Betty James. She can stump the experts. After having guessed every answer from Paul Revere to General Lee she told us it's Lucille's little finger on her left hand. Of course she told us at the beginning

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it was animal. Is it? We are still debating; after all Lou, it's your finger ...All we hear at Brown Street is about spring cleaning. It looks like we will have to make a correction and call it early fall cleaning if this snow keeps coming... Is it true that Phil Sprague is known around Brown Street as Mr. America? We do know that Phil well deserves the title!

Our deepest sympathy goes to James Delisle on the death of his father.

Sandia Room

by Isabelle Fuller

Best of luck to Helen Jobin and Frances Pitoniak. Helen has been transferred to the Ceramics Department while Frances has been transferred from Industrial Oils to the Sandia Department...A daughter, Rachel, was born on March 28 at the Bennington Hospital to Henry Doane and Mrs. Doane. They also have two other daughters, Sarah, who is five and Elizabeth who is two years old. The best of health to mother and baby... A hearty welcome to Rocco Trimachi who is back at work with us. He has been in the Sea-Bees for the past three years. Best of luck to you and your bride-to-be. Rocco will be married on April 30 at the St. Francis Church to Miss Peggy Gomeau who works in the Specifications Office.

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Bathtub Assembly

by Jessie Meczywor

At this time we would like to say farewell to Jim Nicols, our Foreman who left us to take over the Pulse Transformer Department. Best of luck to you, Jim...Also at the same time, a hearty welcome is extended to our new Foreman, Art Spencer. Hope you will like working with us...On March 18, Carl Briggs celebrated his 21st birthday. Oh to be so young again! ...Eleanore Durocher enjoyed her vacation at home, resting and being a lady of leisure...Warning to all Adams people. Lucy Sanecki and her husband bought a car and are planning on learning to drive. Don't say we didn't warn you...If anyone is wondering why Dora Landry is smiling so much lately that is because her daughter who lives in Cleveland, Ohio is spending two weeks vacation with her.

Shown above is Edward Lamarre, son of Josephine LaMarre, Metalized Paper Department at Beaver Street. Edward graduated from Boot Training at Bainbridge, Maryland on Saturday, April 9.

Metal Clad Dept. (nights)

by Theresa Thomas

We all wish Marie Rohane a speedy recovery. Marie is recovering from a recent operation...Hello to Norma Buzzell and Arlene Estes who are out on sick leave...Spring has finally arrived, as you can tell by the girls' new short hair cuts, cotton skirts and sleeveless blouses. It seems good not to wear kerchiefs, gloves and overshoes—that is for the present moment. But so the saying goes, "If you don't like the weather in the Berkshires, just wait a minute"...Almost everyone has had the bug recently; Jean Pinsonneault, Hazel Camadine, Jean Kustra, Kay LaBombard, Terry Worthington, Sylvia Morawiec, Mabel Keller and Ellen DePaoli...The hair-do of the week belongs to Claire Pettibone. It looks very nice Claire...Have you girls noticed the change in Jean Poirot since she's been on her diet? How can you resist food, Jean?...Mary Chalifoux has started the ball rolling for her spring cleaning. Almost done, Mary? ...Getting in and out of the bathtub can be dangerous, can't it Mae Ryan? We hope your wrist is all better now... We are all glad to hear that Kazimier Donaj's children are almost better. They have been sick with scarlet fever ...So long—see you next issue.

Paper Impregnation and Small Order Metal Clad

by Agnes Fitzgerald & Jane Paradis

We all wish Charles Roy the best of luck in his new apartment and hope that he can relax now that the moving and spring cleaning is all over with... Francis Bennett is in a hurry for Spring. He has all his window cleaning done... Joe Breda is all smiles. He has a new granddaughter born March 11. Proud parents are his son, City Building Inspector Gene Breda and Mrs. Breda of Folsom Street...Raymond Miller's seven year old son Roy, Jr. is confined to his home with the measles...Francis Bennett had a birthday March 27. He was given a supper party in Bennington, Vermont, by his family and friends. His nephew Peter Wright also had his 13th birthday March 25. Peter's surprise was a trip to Boston to attend the basketball game between the Celtics and Syracuse ... The Charles Roy family went to town with birthdays. Neal Roy had her 13th on March 11th. She was given a birthday party and received many lovely gifts. Best of all she received a little dog from her parents. Mrs. Roy celebrated her birthday on March 18th, and Chuck had his on March 25th...We were all proud of the department on March 17. Their respect and loyalty to St. Patrick was great. Even Red spent his lunch hour reading the life of St. Patrick. No matter where Red wanted St. Patrick to be born, he'll never get him away from the Irish...The departments all say a big hello to Lorraine and hope she will soon be back at work ...Mike Stephanie starts his vacation on April 15. He is our very excited fisherman...Jane Dufresne attended the annual flower show in Boston.

Metal Clad Assembly (nights)

by Dorothy Sprague

We want to congratulate Pete on the wonderful job he is doing in taking over our department during Jake's absence...Congratulations go to Mamie who has a set of twins at her house (white hamster twins, that is!)...We are all wondering where Roma got the new name "bright eyes". Let us in on it, eh Roma?...We want to welcome Hank, who is now working with us. He has taken John's place. Once again we say so-long to John Daub...What goes with this new wine everyone is talking about? (Ask Pete or Dot)... If anyone wants to look five or ten years younger see Phi—she has some wonderful cream she is selling. Martha tried some and it made her feel years younger...Well everyone was just starting to get spring fever and talking about what they were getting for Easter when the first day of spring brought snow!!...There sure were a lot of glances when five girls walked in with the same blouse on. Was it that they all liked the same one or was it the recent sale?...Good luck to Lydia Spooner, who has recently moved into her new home.

Metal Clad Finish

Veronica Sobon and Emma Alongi

Norma Vamros has left us and is now working on the night shift. We'll miss you, but good luck and we hope you will like it...Gladys Kilbride is smiling again. Why? She has her new teeth...Watch your step, both pedestrians and drivers! Barbara Campedelli got her driving license recently... Miss Lorraine Dellaghelfa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Constantino Dellaghelfa of 22 Newark Street, Adams, and Edward Critelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Critelli of North Adams are to be married on April 30th in St. Thomas Church, Adams at 9 o'clock. The bride-to-be was feted at a surprise party at the Corner Cafe recently by her co-workers. She was presented with a gift for her home, a personal gift and a corsage...Margie Barry was remembered with a gift from her co-workers on her birthday April 5th...If some morning you think you are seeing Pocahontas walking into Metal Clad it is only Pearl Luczynski with her long braids down...Can't imagine what happened to Frenchy Contois, but lately he has been hooting like an owl. Either it is love or spring fever.

We extend our sympathies to Elizabeth Romeo on the death of her niece Mrs. Evelyn Dafoe.

Paper Rolling (Day shift)

Frances Miles and Joan Horn

Well girls, we have a puddle-jumper in our department. The only trouble is she can't miss the puddles. Have your feet dried off yet, Hank?...Flo Gaffey's mother got her income tax back after Flo mailed it for her. The only trouble was Flo mailed it back to her mother instead of to the Internal Revenue Bureau. What happened Flo, was Tony on your mind?...Eleanor Romeo is truly a woman of her word. If you want to know about it go see Mary Troia.

Metal Clad Surplus

by Rita J. Sullivan

Good luck to Ernie LaCasse who has left us for a new position. Ernie was presented a sum of money by his co-workers and a decorated cake presented him by Pat Joseph...We extend a hearty welcome to the new girls and hope they enjoy working with us ...Shirley Keating is very busy now-a-days settling her newly purchased home on Charles Street in Williamstown...Agnes Vidal is enjoying her new apartment which she recently moved into on Beaver Street...Frances Krzeminski was given a kitchen shower March 27th by her friends. Frances received many useful gifts for her future home...June Barnhart is sporting a new Buick—pretty nice, June...Yvonne Perras is very proud these days because of her new granddaughter, who was born March 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Falco...Ann Patenaude has returned from a leave spent in Indiana...Gladys Dyndor has returned following her recent illness. Glad to see that you are feeling better, Gladys ...Hope to see Hazel Windrow and Laurette Lyons back soon. Both are confined home by illness...Maude Sullivan spent the week-end in Bridgeport, Connecticut ... Mrs. Jack Sullivan recently returned from a vacation in Hollywood, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan also visited Silver Springs, Miami, the Everglades and many other interesting points...

Sprague Youngsters Enjoy Management Club Fun Night – April 6

Happy Birthday to Mabel Thatcher. She was presented a gift and decorated cake by her co-workers...Ethel Fosser is sporting a new Buck skin Brown car, a Ford Fairline. Very nice Ethel!!... Blanche Cyr is spending a two weeks vacation in Virginia...The first signs of Spring were heard in our little department this week, by our good natured co-worker Margaret Dempsey, whistling like a canary.

We extend our sympathy to Walter Rohane on the recent loss of his sister, Mrs. Emma Clarkson in Albany, New York.

Pulse Transformers

by Lena Kerr

At the beginning of the year we were told that very soon we would be transferred to the Beaver Street plant. Our room at Brown Street was too small and more girls were to be employed—we just needed more room. To most of us Beaver Street seemed so far away. The girls that had worked up there at some time or other tried to encourage us. But most of us didn't like the thought of moving—Brown Street was our second home. On March 11 there were a few misty eyes as we walked out of our room for the last time.

March 14th—well this is it! The day we weren't wishing for. The drive up to Beaver Street seemed oh! so long! Of course we were all excited, wondering, and anxious to know where we were to be located. But to our surprise, we were placed about the same as in our old place, which made us happy.

The room, which is 14,000 square feet, is painted in sunlite yellow and mint green. The ceilings are in flat white. There are new lighting fixtures, modern tables, new windows and floor has grey marblized asphalt tile. The ladies room is a pale pink and pewter grey.

Special Products Dept.

by Nina Underwood

A welcome is extended to Eva Jowett, Gladys Sorel, Bartholine Mayo and Teddy Pierce who have joined our department...Angie Downs spent her vacation at home...Cpl. Norman Truehart of the U.S. Marine Corps, son of Evelyn Truehart, arrived home from Korea on March 30...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gaule on the birth of their daughter, Judith...We hope the big snowstorms are over as they make Bill Lauth lose his sleep... Sorry to hear of Doris Monette's accident. We hope that new beach wagon can be fixed up...Thelma Barber is now working nights. Welcome back, Thelma.